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At approximately 12:45 p.m. today, a flare-up occurred on a section of fire control line south of Jarbo Gap fire station.

Fire fighting is normally a dangerous occupation. Topography as extreme and as rugged and rocky as this causes extra measures of concern for firefighters. While firefighters were constructing fire control lines, fire conditions intensified and firefighters used fire shelters to shield themselves from flying firebrands and heat.

Seven firefighters deployed their foil shelters on the ground for protection, while two other firefighters used their shelters to shield themselves as they moved to predetermined safe locations.

No firefighters were injured and none of the three fire engines caught in the flare-up were damaged.

The flare-up was contained and planned fire suppression efforts continue with full containment of the fire expected by 8 a.m. on October 26, 2001.

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